

[From the Educational Monthly.]

The Nile.

the discoveries of Captain Speke, the
has finally the solution of a question

has occupied monarchs, poets, and
sages, from time immemorial; and
Alexander the Great and Ptolemy
Delphus in vain essayed, has been
esteemed in our age by one whose
valour must ever command our ad-
miration and respect.

fancied that it had its origin far
sia. Pliny imagined that it sprang
a mountain in Lower Mauritania.
general impression, however, of later
has been, that the mysterious and
cient river, the holy Nile of the an-
had its source in numerous lakes
the mountains of the Moon, a few
as north of the equator.

particularly in a very noble one of marble, now in the Vatican. He (Nile, personified) is distinguished by a large cornucopia, by the sphynx conched him, and by the sixteen little children playing around him. By the sixteen men are understood the several risings Nile every year as far as to sixteen. The black marble is said to be in

Nile, was venerated by the ancient Egyptians, and when its annual rising commenced they strewed its surface with flowers, and performed various rites in honor of its mysterious powers and precursor of its mysterious powers and precursor

tain Speke has clearly shown us that river has its origin in the head waters of the N'yanza, about 3° south of the equator. He describes its outlet from the lake as the most interesting sight he had seen in Africa. Here the river is about 500 feet wide, and breaks over falls twelve feet deep.

lands of passenger fish leaping at the
with all their might, the Wasoga and
and fishermen coming out in boats
sitting post on all the rocks with rod
hook, hippopotami and crocodiles lying
on the water, the ferry at work
the falls, and cattle driven down to
at the margin of the lake, made in
with the pretty nature of the country

hills, grassy-topped, with trees
folds, and gardens on the lower
—as interesting a picture as one
wish to see."

Thus sums up his observations: "I
without any doubt, that old Father
lives in the Victoria N'yanza. Com-
prehensive information assured me that there
much water on the eastern as on
western side of the lake—if anything

more. The most remote waters, or head of the Nile, is the southern end of the lake, situated close on the third degree of south latitude, which gives to the lake its surprising length, in direct measurement, rolling over thirty-four degrees of latitude, of above two thousand three hundred miles.

west to where the great Nile-stream
there is only one feeder of any
importance, and that is the Kitangule riv-
er, from the southernmost point,
by the east to the strait, there are
others at all of any importance; for
the Arabs, one and all, aver that
to the west of the snow-clad Kiliman-
daro the lake where it is cut by the sea-
gree, and also the first degree of

altitude, there are salt lakes and salt
and the country is hilly, not unlike
Quezi; but they say there were no
rivers, and the country was so scant-
tered, having only occasional run-
ning rivulets, that they had always
long marches in order to find wa-
ter; they went on their trading jour-

It has been told in this century, so
in events, to lift the veil that has
hung over the fountains of this cel-
stream. And for this we may
thank Captain Speke and his faith-
and trust that, ere long, enterprising
ans and Europeans may fix trading-
all along its banks to its source, and
reveal to us all the secrets of Cen-
frica.

The Inventor of Cast-Steel.
Steel was invented, Mr. Smiles tells
one Benjamin Huntsman, who was
in Lincolnshire county in 1704.
He was the son of German parents, and,
as a boy, was noted for his skill in mend-
locks and locks. In Doncaster he began
experiments in the improvement
of steel, but it was many weary years be-
fore he was able to produce the first cast-
steel.

final result was achieved, and although a hundred years have passed since Bessemer's discovery, the description of the process (which he first applied for the purpose of making the steel, and the crucibles and furnaces which he used, were in most part similar to those in use at the present day. Although the making of steel, as invented by Benjamin Bessemer, is now a well-known process, it was at that time a great discovery.

his own countrymen, the Sheffield men, with true British obstinacy, refuse to use his cast-steel, and he had to get abroad for sale on the continent.

short time the French cutlery were undersold the English; and so the were obliged to come to Huntsman. He taken no patent for his invention, his protection being in preserving his as much a mystery as possible; all workmen were pledged to inviolable secrecy, and strangers were carefully excluded from his works, and the whole of his steel was of night.

source there were plenty of efforts—of them dishonorable enough—to name the secret. An iron-founder named [redacted] at last discovered it by adopting the name of disguising himself as a wanderer." Shivering with cold at the door of the [redacted] foundry late one night the workmen were about to begin their labors at steel casting, he asked for

used to warm himself by the furnace. The humane workmen found the irresistible, and the apparent beggar admitted and provided with a snug room where he pretended to fall asleep. He watched the process of steel-making, before many months had passed, and the Bessemer iron and steel-rolling manufactory was not the one where cast-steel was produced.

William Begg, nephew of the poet, departed this life at the residence of Cole, Clinton, Canada, on Saturday, 1st. Mr. Begg, who was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death, was the son of Burns' sister, and well known to every reader of the poet's biographies. He received a liberal education, being intended for the medical profession.

er, but, owing to domestic affliction, he took out his diploma. Coming out, he taught school for many years in Berdier, township, until he was compelled, through physical infirmity, to retire. He was honored him by the noblest Dr. Cole. Mr. Begg inherited much peculiar genius of his family; was a lover of *belles lettres*, and, by the unaffability of his deportment, won for

The Portland Argus says: A gentleman city owed a tradesman a bill of \$4 20. Heed him \$5 for payment and received receipted and over \$9 back in change, was in gold.

The Pennsylvania papers say there is prospect for a fine harvest.

Daily Democrat.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Later Intelligence from Mexico.

Liberals Refuse to Join the Empire.

Rebel Raiders Across the Potomac.

They Move toward Ashby's Gap.

Moseby Driving Cattle to Richmond.

Secretary Fessenden and the Banks.

They Propose to Loan \$50,000,000.

Guerrillas near Nashville, Tenn.

Gen. Johnson Taken and Retaken.

Soldier Hung as a Spy at Poolsville.

Railroad not Repaired to Manassas.

The Raid on the Frontier a Hoax.

Sixth Corps Capture 3,000 Rebels.

Malls Burned at Gunpowder Bridge.

Newspaper Difficulties at Havana.

Fire Still Raging in New York City.

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STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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On the First day of January, 1864.

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NAME AND LOCATION.

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